

Warriors Bow To St. Stephens

Wakefield lost a 43-41 heart-breaker last night to a fired-up visiting St. Steven's team, despite a personal 24 point scoring barrage by Warren Watson of the Warriors.

Watson hit the backboard for five quick points after the opening tip-off and tossed in two more a few moments later to earn the Warriors a 9-9 first period deadlock.

As the second quarter got under

way the Saints began hitting from all over the court and the bewildered Warriors were fighting to stay in the ball game. After the half-time horn sounded Watson stood alone on the court to toss in two foul shots and hold the guests to a 20-20 stalemate.

Wakefield came to life in the second half and actually out played the Saints but twenty-one fouls called on the local lads held back the Warrior scoring.

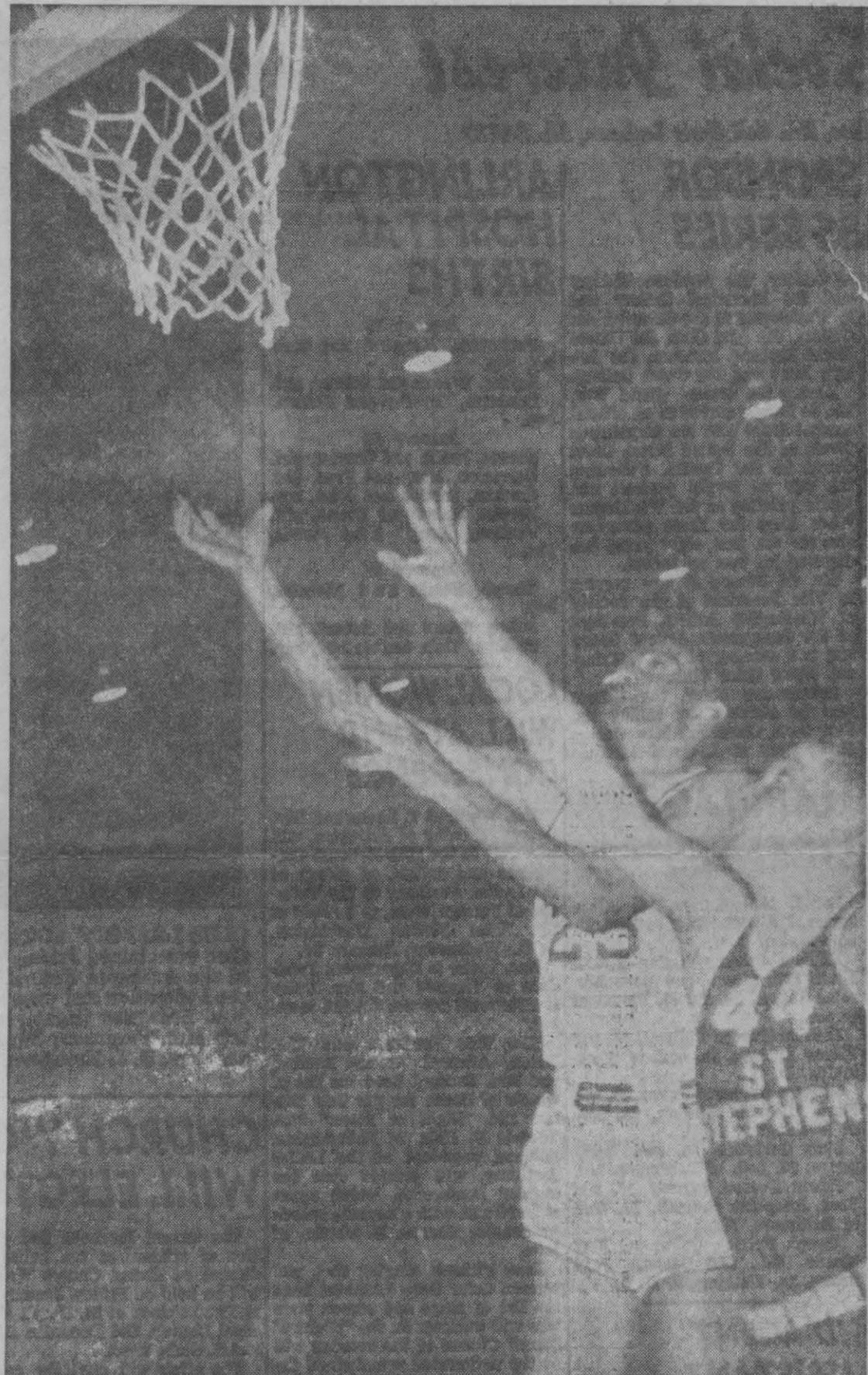
Late in the last stanza Wakefield still held a five point lead but in the final moments the Saints bounced back for four swift foul shots to set up the final win.

It all comes out as just a bad off-night for the Wakefield lads, despite the individual brightness of Warren Watson, who had the hottest night of his career by some ten tallies.

Hot shooting Don Richards suffered his worst night since before Christmas while Steve Holderness, usually good for several markers, failed to hit the bucket the entire evening.

Wakefield's weakness is still in the same place, just not enough dead-eye shooting. The Warriors can control the backboard and hit from the foul line, but as a team they have to move the ball close in under the hoop before much scoring is accomplished.

St. Stephens			Wakefield		
FG	FT	P	FG	FT	P
Koch	9	1 19	Richards	2	0 4
Lawler	2	1 5	Head	0	1 1
Johnson	4	0 8	Holderness	0	0 0
Marshall	0	1 1	Kugler	1	4 8
Digges	3	4 10	Mayo	2	2 6
			Watson	9	6 24
Totals	18	7 43	Varden	0	0 0
Halftime score: 22-22 (tie)			14 13 41		



UP WITH IT, WARREN—Wakefield's Warren Watson, the hot lad on a cold team, tosses in another basket for the Warriors as he runs up a personal total of twenty-four for the night. This was Warren's hottest game of the year, despite the fact that his team lost to St. Stephens 43-41.